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MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED

Grant County Officials Still Working on Byers Case

Up to the present time nothing of particular interest has transpired in the Grant County murder mystery. As was stated last week, the Hensons were placed under arrest, but since that time Jared Henson (and his son, Alva, have been released. Clint Henson, a nephew of Jared Henson, was taken to the Ford county jail for safe keeping.

An impression taken of the teeth prints on the girl's body correspond to the plaster paris impression made of Clint Henson's teeth. In a statement made by Archie Sweet, also held in the Ford County jail on the same charge. Sweet says that Clint Henson told him that he [Henson] had killed Miss Byers, but that it looked bad for him [Sweet].

J. D. Wilkerson, the Burns detective hired in the case, does not believe that Sweet is guilty, but says that evidence points to Henson. It was on account of this opinion that he and the Grant County officials had a disagreement and Wilkerson was discharged from the case. It appears that the people of Grant County believe Sweet to be the guilty man, even though as bit by bit new light is thrown on the case it becomes evident that more than one took part in the awful crime.

Parties who were present when the body was found say that it was not yet cold, which proves one of two facts: Miss Byers was either left unconscious by her assailant or assailants, and died from exposure, or she was not killed until early in the morning of the day the body was found.

Earlier in the week it was reported that Clint Henson had been released upon orders from the Grant county authorities. The fact is that such an order was received, but before Henson was released another order was received advising that he be held until Grant county authorities could arrive in Dodge City and make further investigation. Up to this time he is in jail.

Abe Hanson, a former inmate of the Meade county jail, and who appeared in Meade the next day after the murder, with blood on his clothing, and fresh scratches on his face, and who was arrested at Enid, Oklahoma last Thursday, charged with being implicated in the crime, seems to have vanished. It is supposed, however, that he is being held and will be called upon to prove his whereabouts the day of the crime, when the proper time comes.

The crime is one of the worst on record, and it is believed by many that a gang, rather than one man, took part in it.

Dodge City Nov 4-Deputy Sheriff McCall, of Grant county says he believes Abe Hanson, arrested at Enid, Oklahoma has been released.

Clint Henson of Grant county who has been held in connection with the murder, has been released. Eleven witnesses have testified that he was at the Linger farm, six miles from the school house, all the afternoon of the day the crime was committed.

Commissioners Proceedings

Statement of the business transacted by the board of County Commissioners at their regular October session.

J E Roberts Coyotes	10 00
C A Robins "	2 00
J O West "	1 00
G L Bateman "	1 00
A J Miller "	1 00
Henry Cochran "	11 00
M G Klotz "	2 00
Sam Cook "	23 00
Geo Jones "	21 00
W C Butler "	7 00
C L Smith local register	2 00
Wm Bobling "	25
Moses Black Co Surveyor	54 00
Ira Scott Reg of Deeds	307 91
W W Pressly Clerk	279 50
L G Kriesle Sheriff	467 13
W F Bain kindling for co.	2 00
John Elliott Dist clerk	227 00
Mrs J M Clements board-	
ing sick harvest hands	17 80
Moses Black surveying	
Shane road	12 50
E Pomeroy Helping	
survey road	2 00
C M Shane "	2 00
H G Marshall mdse for co	1 05
Covatt & Roberts Ice for co	3 00
Globe Printing Co.	
Printing cards for co	3 00
W F Bain work on coroad	103 90
C B Leslie Medical	
services for prisoners	5 75
R E Thoman J. P. in	
Pat Bridges case	2 05
Oscar Catthers constable	
in Pat Bridges case	7 50
Frank Sourbeer J P in	
Pat Bridges case	3 00
Frank Sourbeer	
J P in J O'Brien case	4 80
Chas Stanton	
witness	75
Geo Brown "	2 25
Edgar Layton "	75
R Buis "	75
Alva Chase "	75
Frank Shuman "	75
H S Kimber "	75
C A Marrs Premium on	
Co Treas. bond	130 00
M A Bird taking provis-	
ions to small pox patients	5 00
Hammond & Stephens	
Stationary for co Supt	13 51
J M Wood & Co. coal for co	56 85
Mrs Mollie Backe	
Associate examiner	6 00
Southwest Tel Co.	
Phones & toll for Co	33 66
Peerless Handcuff Co.	
Handcuffs for Sheriff	12 00
R T Worman viewing road	2 00
Joe James "	2 00
Moses Black survey-	
ing west road	16 00
B G Wasson team with	
surveyor on west road	10 50
Major Dalgarn assist	
ing surveyor on west road	7 00
Eber Ellis "	2 00
A Colvan "	6 00
Hutchinson Print Co.	
Books for co	47 00
Crane & Co. books &	
stationary for co.	58 74
Lockwood-Hazel Co.	
blanks for co	7 55
Monitor Binding Co.	
Record book	55 64
Hall Lith. Co.	
Stationary for Co.	17 64
Meade Co. News	
county printing	203 70
Frank Sourbeer	
drawing jury	2 00
A E Sumner "	2 00
C B Leslie Paris green	
for county	26 10
Rosdale Hospital	
treatment for Ruth Cook	54 25
Max Klotz board N Best	55 00
H Brinckman hauling bran	2 00
J F Sweet stamps	
and light bill	37 92
Meade Co Fair	
1-2 premiums	238 65
F W Fick mdse for co	75

CHAUTAUQUA FOR MEADE

Business Men Have Secured Excellent Attractions

In keeping with the progress and enterprise of the Meade business men, a Chautauqua has been arranged for the coming summer.

The contract has been placed with The White & Myers Chautauqua System and calls for their best talent. The program will consist of ten numbers, and while the dates have not been set, it is understood that they will be arranged so as not to conflict with the Fowler Chautauqua or the Meade County Fair. Meade and neighboring communities can well afford to support a Chautauqua, as it will bring a class of attractions otherwise impossible.

An invitation is extended to the entire community to assist in making Meade's first Chautauqua a big success.

Those so far interested are:
Rev. S. M. Hunt Willis Wolfe
Dr. J. B. Amphlett Dr. Fee
Rev. C. J. Spiers W. S. Martin
W. F. Casteen R. M. Painter
H. G. Marshall H. M. Williams
F. W. Curl B. R. Murphy
C. S. Hulbert Plush & Russell
H. E. Smiley E. A. Schmoker
R. A. Brannan F. W. Fick
Fred C. Fick J. M. Kelley
W. S. Gibbons J. N. Hamilton
E. A. Twist F. M. Davis
Geo W. Day J. C. Dalgarn
Frank Sourbeer L. N. Braden
Cooper & McCay E. B. Jans
Agnes Wehrle H. K. Stalder
G. W. Armstrong B. Q. Chick
Home Lbr. Co. Mildred Johnston
L. F. Schuhmacher C. S. Copple
Pearl Wood Smith O. E. Shaw
L. K. Dalgarn O. P. Snyder
W. H. Dalgarn B. W. DeWitt

for Mrs Frueh 35.50 36 25
R A McGuire mdse for co.
.50, for Shane 39.40, for
Lower 12 73 52 65

W F Fee salary health of-
ficer 25.00, medical services
for prisoners 13.50, inspect-
ing Cole school house 12.25,
disinfecting Clyde Moore's
house 6.75 57 50

D L Compire check
protector 20 00
H S Kimber boarding
prisoners 115 60

Jas Jones transportation
to Liberal 1 00
W A Barnett auto with
commissioners 7 00

A J & L F Parsons
mdse for Henry Elbert 16 85
John Truak aid as
per statutes 30 00

Pearl Wood Smith expense
to teachers convention 12 00
C S Hulbert overseer
of poor 6 00

A B Roberts Co commis-
sioner's mileage 84 50
T E Novinger " 71 40

The board approved the bond
of the Co. Treasurer given by
the Globe Indemnity Co.

The board at the recommen-
dation of the Co. Supt. approved
the appointment of A E Sumner
as truant officer of district No.
2, and M S Gillidett of district
No. 3.

The board appointed Henry
Werdeman, Martin Buck and
Orphus Harris to appraise lots 3
and 4 of Sec. 16-35-26 and C W
Flinn, Frank Marrs and G L
Beach to approve the NE 1/4 of
NW 1/4 of sec. 36-30-27.

C A Marrs Probate Judge 201 88
Pearl Wood Smith
Co Superintendent 241 00

F S Sullivan Co Atty 246 25
J F Sweet Co Treas 278 05

Robt Mabery Janitor 40 50

I hereby certify that the fore-
going is a true statement of the
business transacted at the regu-
lar October meeting.
W. W. PRESSLY,
County Clerk.

District Court

District Court adjourned Wed-
nesday. The following cases
were disposed of:

The State of Kansas vs. Frank
Lew—Defendant discharged
The State of Kansas vs. Curtis
Anderson—Defendant plead
guilty to assault and battery.

The State of Kansas vs. Ollie
Crammer—Verdict, guilty of as-
sault with intent to commit rape.
Sentenced to five years in the
Reformatory.

Rothschild Bros. Hat Co. vs.
F. W. Fick—Judgment for de-
fendant.

The Scandinavian American
Bank vs. Albert Finnell et al—
Settled.

F. J. Pospisil vs. E. M. Guyer
et al—Judgment for Plaintiff

William Colgan vs. John Tat-
kenhorst et al—Settled

E. W. Bocook vs William Col-
gan—Judgment for Plaintiff

Charles Schwerdfeger vs Wm.
McLane—Settled

Cora F. Danks vs. Henry F.
Danks—Judgment for Plaintiff.
Defendant required to pay \$6,000
and costs of suit.

W. W. Scott vs David S. Lillie
et al—Judgment for Plaintiff,
Foreclosure

Alexander C. Cope vs G. W.
Menefee—Settled

H. M. Harris vs. Frank H.
Lepel et al—Judgment for De-
fendant

Adah Seward vs. H. Elmer
Seward—Divorce granted Plain-
tiff.

J. H. Pinnick vs. C. A. Marrs
—Judgment for Plaintiff by ag-
reement

Letitia Gerow et al vs. W. F.
Casteen—Reveree appointed, E.
F. Sweet.

George Ferguson vs. The In-
terior Investment Co.—Judg-
ment for Plaintiff, Quieting title

Julia M. Graves vs Herbert D.
Graves—Dismissed

Herbert D. Graves vs. Julia
M. Graves—Custody of child
given to Defendant. Plaintiff
to have it one month out of each
year, he to go for it and return
it to Defendant and also to pay
\$10 a month toward support of
the child.

Following cases were continu-
ed.

R. O. Thornberry vs. Robert
E. Fife

Minnie Angell, by her next
friend, A. V. Angell et al vs. The
C. R. I. & P. Ry Co et al

John L. Jones vs The C. R. I.
& P. Ry Co et al.

Rose Jones vs. C. R. I. & P.
Ry Co et al

Charles Small vs. First Na-
tional Bank of Fowler, Kansas,
Geo. O. Richardson Machinery
Co. vs. J. D. Dalgarn et al

C. A. Marrs vs. C. P. Fulling-
ton

Ella M. Francis vs. Dennis D.
Doty et al

G. L. Painter vs. J. B. Amph-
lett et al

Maud A. Schuhmacher vs.
Benjamin F. Roberts et al

Fred Taintor vs. A. W. Pin-
nick et al

John Eliason, Claimant vs The
Estate of Andor Eliason, deces-
ed.

R. O. Thornberry vs. G. R.
Durnil

The Railroad Building & Loan
Savings Association vs. James
A. Hargus et al

Louisa Ballard et al vs. The
Board of County Commissioners
of Meade County Kansas.

SHOUSE WILL VISIT MEADE

Will be Here on Afternoon Of Thursday November 11

Jouett Shouse, Congressman
from the Seventh District, will
be in Meade during the after-
noon of Thursday, November
11th.

It is his desire to meet all
those who have pension, rural
route, or government business
of any nature, at that time. It
may be there are those who have
business of such a nature that a
personal interview with the
Congressman would be more
satisfactory than corresponding
with him, and it is with this idea
in view that he is coming to our
city.

Mr. Shouse will shortly leave
for Washington to attend Con-
gress and it is to acquaint him-
self with the needs of his dis-
trict before leaving that he is
making this trip.

The operetta given last Fri-
day evening at the high school
auditorium was a success in
every way. The pupils of the
grades made their first public
appearance this year, and the
manner in which they handled
their parts speaks well for both
the students and for those who
drilled them. A large audience
was in attendance.

J. W. Briggs, who now lives in
Oregon, was a guest at the R. W.
Campbell home last week. He
was an early resident of Meade
and proved up a claim southeast
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Cream Separators

A few years ago cream separa-
tors were a new thing and were
regarded somewhat as a luxury;
now, seldom do you find a farm
a part of which equipment is not
to be found a cream separator.
With their increasing number
has followed the increase in the
number of milk cows kept on the
farm, and an increase in the value
of milk and butter. Last March
the census enumerators were
asked to list all cream separators
and the record made was re-
markable. In Kansas there are
70,259, representing an invest-
ment of five million dollars. The
census also shows 961,281 milk
cows in the state.

In Meade County there are 314
separators and 9,176 milk cows.

the progress make shall be
maintained, it will not be long
before the building shall be in
evidence.

Miss Pugh has consented to
favor us with a solo on next Sun-
day evening.

Last Sunday was another un-
usual day for us. Rev. E. L.
Huckell, financial secretary of
our College at Ottawa, Kansas,
was with us for the morning
hour.

First he told us of the approv-
al of the work done in Ottawa
University by the Northern Bap-
tist Convention also The Kan-
sas Baptist Convention, in voting
to raise \$400,000.00 within the
next five years.

He then preached an excellent
sermon from the text found in
John 1:14

We understand Sunny Dale
had a large number at their
special services, and enjoyed a
royal good time. We are very
sorry we could not be present.

Judging by the number of
new faces in our congregations,
the public understands it is al-
ways welcome.

Strangers especially invited.
Claude J. Spiers.

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